



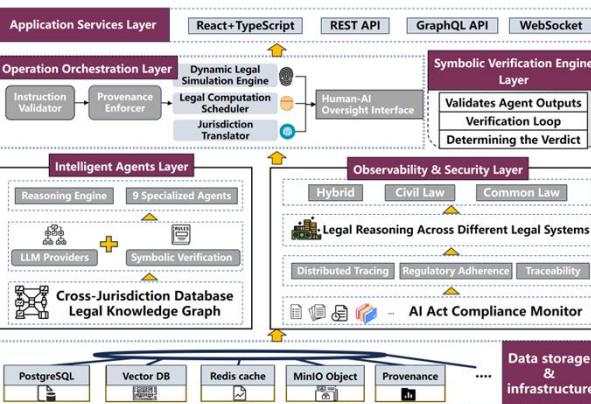
Legal-ISA: A Modular Framework for Systematic Legal AI Evaluation

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Introduction

Current legal AI research is constrained by **horizontal fragmentation** (narrow domain specialization lacking holistic reasoning) and **vertical fragmentation** (jurisdictional confinement preventing cross-border application), as evidenced by recent benchmarks like LEXam and MSLR. To address this, we introduce **Legal-ISA**, an integration layer inspired by computer architecture. By defining standardized operation interfaces for retrieval and reasoning, Legal-ISA ensures component substitutability and enables systematic, unified evaluation across diverse legal domains and jurisdictions.

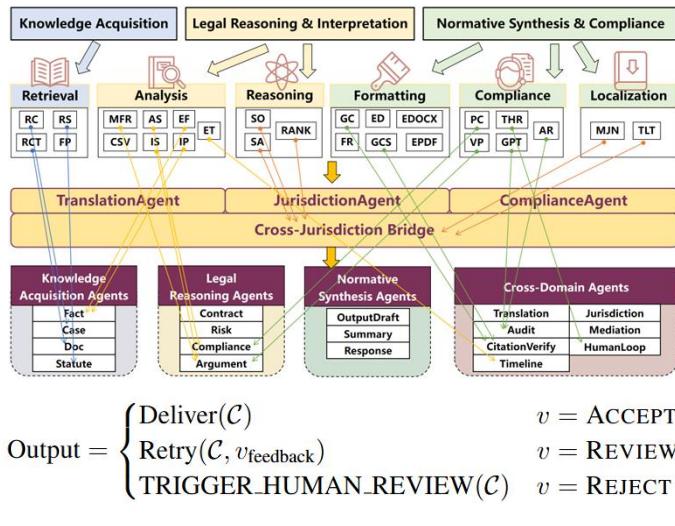
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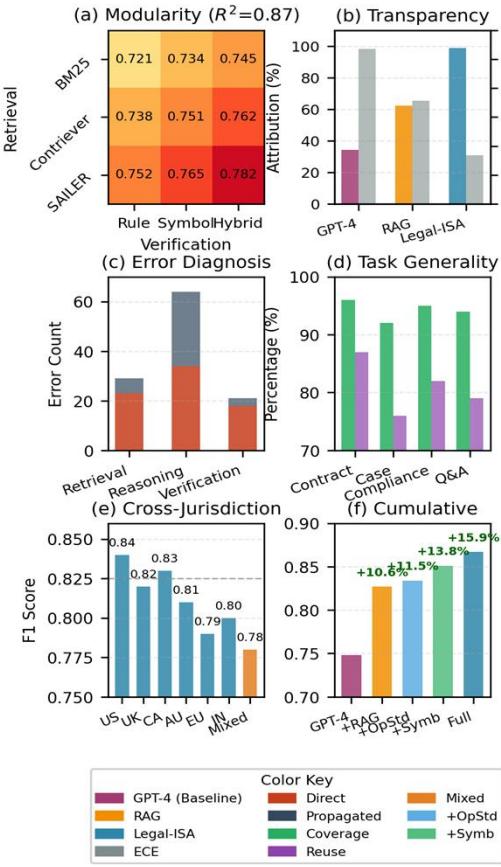
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- Architecture:** Six-layer framework integrates reasoning techniques via standardized interfaces and mandatory provenance protocols.
- Orchestration:** Orchestration layer manages validation, scheduling, cross-jurisdictional translation, and human oversight escalation.
- Verification:** Agents execute via a mandatory neuro-symbolic loop correcting outputs against formal legal constraints.
- Assurance:** Assurance layer guarantees observability and auditability backed by polyglot persistence and immutable ledgers.

Mapping



Experiment



Conclusion

- Legal-ISA delivers high transparency and calibrated confidence, enabling principled human oversight and reasoning across diverse legal tasks.
- The framework supports cross-jurisdictional reasoning through human-in-the-loop knowledge engineering, opening collaborative research avenues.
- Our current work explores a legal-agnostic intermediate representation to unify cross-jurisdictional disparities and advance a global legal reasoning.
- We welcome discussions with fellow researchers—feel free to reach us at 2312325@mail.nankai.edu.cn!